



## Complete Summary

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### TITLE

Palliative care: percentage of adult patients with a progressive, debilitating disease who have a palliative care plan documented in the medical record.

### SOURCE(S)

Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI). Palliative care. Bloomington (MN): Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI); 2008 May. 58 p. [113 references]

## Measure Domain

### PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Process

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### SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Does not apply to this measure

## Brief Abstract

### DESCRIPTION

This measure is used to assess the percentage of adult patients with a progressive, debilitating disease who have a palliative care plan documented in the medical record.

### RATIONALE

The priority aim addressed by this measure is to increase palliative care planning with patients who have been identified in the early stages of a progressive, debilitating disease.

### PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Palliative care; progressive, debilitating disease

## DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION

Total number of adult patients with the specified progressive, debilitating disease (see the related "Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions" field in the Complete Summary)

## NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION

Number of adult patients with the specified progressive, debilitating disease who have a palliative care plan in chart (see the related "Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions" field in the Complete Summary)

### Evidence Supporting the Measure

#### EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE CRITERION OF QUALITY

- A clinical practice guideline or other peer-reviewed synthesis of the clinical evidence

#### NATIONAL GUIDELINE CLEARINGHOUSE LINK

- [Palliative care.](#)

### Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

#### NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Unspecified

### State of Use of the Measure

#### STATE OF USE

Current routine use

#### CURRENT USE

Internal quality improvement

### Application of Measure in its Current Use

#### CARE SETTING

Home Care  
Hospices  
Hospitals  
Long-term Care Facilities  
Physician Group Practices/Clinics

**PROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE**

Advanced Practice Nurses  
Nurses  
Physicians  
Social Workers

**LOWEST LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ADDRESSED**

Group Clinical Practices

**TARGET POPULATION AGE**

Adults

**TARGET POPULATION GENDER**

Either male or female

**STRATIFICATION BY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

Unspecified

**Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component****INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE**

Unspecified

**ASSOCIATION WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

Unspecified

**BURDEN OF ILLNESS**

Unspecified

**UTILIZATION**

Unspecified

**COSTS**

Unspecified

**Institute of Medicine National Healthcare Quality Report Categories****IOM CARE NEED**

End of Life Care  
Living with Illness

## **IOM DOMAIN**

Effectiveness  
Patient-centeredness

### **Data Collection for the Measure**

## **CASE FINDING**

Users of care only

## **DESCRIPTION OF CASE FINDING**

Adult patients with a diagnosis of a progressive, debilitating disease

A random sampling of at least 10 adult patients with a specified progressive, debilitating disease seen each month.

Medical records are reviewed to determine whether there is any evidence of a palliative care plan in place.

## **DENOMINATOR SAMPLING FRAME**

Patients associated with provider

## **DENOMINATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS**

### **Inclusions**

Total number of adult patients with the specified progressive, debilitating disease

**Note:** "Specified progressive, debilitating disease" needs to be predetermined by the medical group prior to data collection. This measure is applicable to any and all progressive, debilitating disease. These include, but are not limited to:

- Pulmonary disease
- Cancer/neoplasm
- Liver disease
- Renal disease
- Neurological disorders:
  - Stroke
  - Parkinson's
  - Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
  - Multiple sclerosis

### **Exclusions**

Unspecified

## **RELATIONSHIP OF DENOMINATOR TO NUMERATOR**

All cases in the denominator are equally eligible to appear in the numerator

#### **DENOMINATOR (INDEX) EVENT**

Clinical Condition

#### **DENOMINATOR TIME WINDOW**

Time window is a single point in time

#### **NUMERATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS**

##### **Inclusions**

Number of adult patients with the specified progressive, debilitating disease who have a palliative care plan\* in chart

\*A completed palliative care plan addresses all seven domains of care: physical aspects, cultural aspects, psychological aspects, social aspects, spiritual/religious/existential aspects, ethical/legal aspects, and care of the imminently dying patient.

##### **Exclusions**

Unspecified

#### **MEASURE RESULTS UNDER CONTROL OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR POLICYMAKERS**

The measure results are somewhat or substantially under the control of the health care professionals, organizations and/or policymakers to whom the measure applies.

#### **NUMERATOR TIME WINDOW**

Episode of care

#### **DATA SOURCE**

Medical record

#### **LEVEL OF DETERMINATION OF QUALITY**

Individual Case

#### **PRE-EXISTING INSTRUMENT USED**

Unspecified

### **Computation of the Measure**

#### **SCORING**

Rate

#### **INTERPRETATION OF SCORE**

Better quality is associated with a higher score

#### **ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS**

Unspecified

#### **STANDARD OF COMPARISON**

Internal time comparison

### **Evaluation of Measure Properties**

#### **EXTENT OF MEASURE TESTING**

Unspecified

### **Identifying Information**

#### **ORIGINAL TITLE**

Percentage of adult patients with a progressive, debilitating disease who have a palliative care plan documented in the medical record.

#### **MEASURE COLLECTION**

[Palliative Care Measure](#)

#### **DEVELOPER**

Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement

#### **ADAPTATION**

Measure was not adapted from another source.

#### **RELEASE DATE**

2008 May

#### **MEASURE STATUS**

This is the current release of the measure.

#### **SOURCE(S)**

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## **MEASURE AVAILABILITY**

The individual measure, "Percentage of Adult Patients with a Progressive, Debilitating Disease Who Have a Palliative Care Plan Documented in the Medical Record," is published in "Health Care Guideline: Palliative Care." This document is available from the [Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement \(ICSI\) Web site](http://www.icsi.org).

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